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SUBJECT: SOVIET MODIFICATIONS OF UNESCO BICENTENNIAL ISSUE

REF: (A) PARIS 36869, (B) MOSCOW 18577, (C) MOSCOW 19164

1. APPRECIATE ATTENTION GIVEN TO "COURIER" PROBLEM AS INDICATED BY
PARIS 36869.

2. AS INDICATED EARLIER, A CORRECTED REPRINT OF SUBJECT EDITION
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO EMBASSY. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT
FAVOR AN ADDENDUM NOTING THE CHANGES AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 3 REFTL
(A).

3. IN SPITE OF ACTIONS TAKEN, EMBASSY IS STILL STUCK WITH 3,000 COPIES

OF UNWANTED "COURIERS." AS FOLLOW-UP TO NOVEMBER 26 VISIT TO MFA/
CULTURAL DIVISION, DURING WHICH "COURIER" PROBLEM WAS RAISED
ALONG WITH OTHER ISSUES, P&C COUNSELOR, DECEMBER 14 TELEPHONED MFA
(U.S. DESK OFFICER AZAROV) AND AGAIN REQUESTED ADVICE ON DISPOSITION
OF MAGAZINE.

4. AZAROV INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MRS. TAMARA SOLOVYOVA MAMEDOVA,
EDITOR OF THE RUSSIAN EDITION OF "COURIER," IS PRESENTLY IN
PARIS, BUT THAT SHE HAD TOLD MFA THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAD CHANGED
LOCAL EDITIONS OF THE BICENTENNIAL ISSUE OF "COURIER." EMBOFF
REPLIED WE UNDERSTOOD THIS TO BE VIOLATION OF UNESCO RULES AND WE
WISHED TO RETURN THE 3,000 COPIES. AZAROV REPLIED THAT MFA COULD
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OFFER NO SUGGESTIONS ON DISPOSITION OF SUBJECT MAGAZINES.

5. AS INDICATED REFTEL (C), EMBASSY MUST DO SOMETHING WITH
"COURIER" AS STORAGE SPACE AT CHANCERY EXTREMELY LIMITED. IN
ADDITION TO SUGGESTION MADE IN REFTEL (B), EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING
TO DESTROY MAGAZINES IF RPT IF WE RECEIVE ASSURANCES THAT NO
CHARGES WILL BE MADE FOR ANY OF THE COPIES ORDERED.

6. ADVISE ASAP.
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